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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA
NEW GUINEA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS

1. GLENN TRIP CANCELLED. THE SENATE'S FAILURE TO COMPLETE
ITS WORK AND ADJOURN HAS RESULTED IN SENATOR GLENN CANCEL-
LING HIS PLANNED NOVEMBER TRIP TO AUSTRALIA. GLENN WAS TO
HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE WILLIAMSBURG CONFERENCE BEING
HELD IN CANBERRA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. FLOOD TO LEAVE? USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES AT THE
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY INDICATE THAT MINISTER-COUNSELOR PHILIP
FLOOD IS BEING TRANSFERRED BACK TO CANBERRA TO BECOME
SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
THE DEPARTMENT WAS FORMED AFTER PRIME MINISTER FRASER
RETURNED FROM EUROPE LAST SUMMER LESS THAN SATISFIED WITH

THE AUSTRALIAN EFFORT IN DEALING WITH THE EEC. THERE IS
NO WORD ON FLOOD'S SUCCESSOR. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS. IN AN OCTOBER 24 SPEECH IN
SYDNEY, PRIME MINISTER FRASER SAID THE AUSTRALIAN CABINET
HAD BEEN DISCUSSING DATES FOR AN EARLY ELECTION. HE SAID
THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE IN DECEMBER AND THE SECOND
IN APRIL OR MAY. ACCORDING TO REUTERS, FRASER MAY ANNOUNCE

NEXT WEEK THAT PARLIAMENT WILL BE DISSOLVED NOVEMBER 4
WITH ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 10. (UNCLASSIFIED)
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